

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application

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REPLICATION

PATENT APPLICATION

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Examiner:

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**REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of September 26, 2006, claims 48 and 49 have been changed to show the correct status identifiers.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this Preliminary Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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